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CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

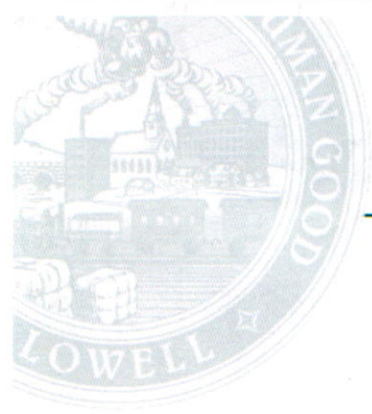
VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend Funds in the form of a Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) for use in the City of Lowell Recycling Program administered through the Department of Public Works.

The City of Lowell will receive Sixty Four Thousand (\$64,000.00) Dollars to be used toward expenditures that have been pre-approved by this Grant.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the City Manager be and she is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend Sixty Four Thousand (\$64,000.00) Dollars on behalf of the City of Lowell, from the Department of Environmental Protection Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) grant, to be used toward expenditures that have been pre-approved by this Grant.



Jim Donison
Commissioner


Gunther Wellenstein
Solid Waste / Recycling Coord

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, Sept 4, 2018

TO: Mayor William Samaras and Lowell City Council

Via: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager

CC: Jim Donison, Commissioner, Department of Public Works 

FROM: Gunther Wellenstein, Solid Waste / Recycling Coordinator

SUBJECT: 'Apply, Accept & Expend' \$64,000 from MassDEP RDP/SMRP Grant

It is with great excitement that I present the attached Mass DEP Grant Award for your consideration!

The SW&R Office (on behalf of the City) qualified for 16 pts (of 20), each worth \$4,000... for a total of \$64,000.

"The Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) provides payments to municipalities that have implemented specific programs and policies proven to maximize reuse, recycling, and waste reduction. Municipalities receive payments according to the number of criteria points their program earns. RDP provides an incentive for municipalities to improve their recycling programs by implementing best practices and it rewards communities with model recycling and waste reduction programs."

My hope/expectation is that we will spend a portion of the funds on components that will earn us additional points in the next cycle (Spring 2019)... like a new Hauler Regulation... for two (2) more points! For expenditures that are pre-approved by this grant, refer to attached.

Please place the matter before the City Council, at the next appropriate meeting, so the Council can 'Apply, Accept & Expend' the \$64,000 in grant funds.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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MEMORANDUM

Tu. Sept. 4, 2018

Apply, Accept & Expend \$64,000 from Mass DEP Grant

The following expenditures are pre-approved by this grant:

\$1,400* EarthMachine backyard composters... for sale to residents for \$25 each

\$2,500 Installation of concrete pad, to site SSR compactor, at DPW drop-off site

\$4,000* Schedule and host a 5th (FY19) mini-Household Hazardous Waste day at DPW

\$9,000 Extend (\$300 weekly) S&W of P.T. Recycling Enforcement Coord for balance of FY19

\$4,000 ReCollect Smartphone App... curbside schedule... Updates & Alerts

\$2,000 Purchase and deploy new A-frame sandwich boards (w/ inserts), to publicize SW&R
[City] dates/events

\$2,000 Collect & recycle (dispose) 'difficult' to manage material, i.e. propane tanks, SHARPS,
fire extinguishers, batteries, textiles plastic 'film' & Styrofoam.

\$13,100 Design, print & mail city-wide Letter to all 25,000 eligible households re:
contamination.

\$1,500* Plan EarthDay 2019 "Zero Waste Day" event

\$2,500* Surveillance system to monitor SW&R cardboard, recycling & textile drop-off at DPW

\$500 Movie License Fee partnership with LP< 2019 Environmental Movie Series at LNHP

\$1,000* Cont. Education, conferences, webinars & professional membership for SW&R Team.

\$5,000 Retrofit existing signs on Middlesex St (Arch St – LPD sign Shop) for SW&R Messaging

\$48,500 (est.) Subtotal... AND other projects, yet to be determined

*Line items limited to stated value